(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) Airports Authority of India have neither information about commencement of these works nor its subsequent abandonment.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Schemes for development of tourism by Darjeeling Gorkha hill council

6842. SHRI RATNA BAHADUR RAI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any major scheme for the development of tourism from the Darjeeling Gorkha Hill Council during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have taken steps to allot necessary funds as asked for; and

(d) if so the amount of such funds released so far?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (d) On the basis of complete and eligible proposals received from the State Government, Central financial assistance was sanctioned in respect of the following project/ schemes during the last three years:—

(Rs. in lakhs)

Scheme	Amount Sanctioned	Amount Released
1992-93		
1. Augmentation of facilities at Mainak Tourist Lodge, Siliguri .	29.00	14.50
1993-94		
1. Construction of wayside facility at Pashupati	24.14	5.00
1994-95		
1. Tea and Tourism Festival 1993	04.28	4.28
2. Production of Video film on Darjeeling	02.00	2.00

Development of Heritage tourism in Himachal Pradesh

6843. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the concept of heritage toursim has been accepted by all the States in the country;

(b) if so, the names of the States where his concept has been adopted;

(c) whether Himachal Pradesh is one of them; and

(d) if so, the details of the plan being drawn up for the development of this concept in Himachal Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (d) India has several attractions in the field of tourism such as culture, monuments, fairs and festivals, art and crafts, etc. All these form part of our great national